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Pennsylvania Reservists Mobilized



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(L to R) HT1 Edward Jerome, ET2 Thomas Coulter, IT1 Roger Finan, and QM2 Brian Rhodes discuss mobilization outside Naval Reserve Center Avoca. All are members of NR AOC DET Earle DAHT-7

by JO2 Mike Miller, USNR
Naval Reserve Center Avoca

A number of Naval Reservists from Naval Reserve Center Avoca, Pa. have been mobilized for active duty in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. Several members of Naval Reserve Atlantic Ordnance Command DET Earle, Deployable Ammunition Handling Team (DAHT) 7 were mobilized on December 7, Pearl Harbor

Day.

"The mission of a Naval Reservist is to be ready to answer their country's call and to answer that call on a moments notice," said Lt Cmdr T.J. Bartley, Naval Reserve Center Avoca Commanding Officer. "These are hard-charging individuals, some with many years of active duty and reserve Naval Service. We have sailors that are veterans of the Gulf War. Now, they are shipping out with

younger second and third class petty officers. All have trained long and hard in anticipation of this day. Well, the day has come, and now they are on their way. This is who we are and this is what we do."

Cmdr John Yancigay is the unit Commanding Officer for DAHT 7. Unit training at the gaining command takes place at least twice a year. During regular drill weekends, personnel at-

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tend training lectures and use computerized study aids and tests to maintain their ammunition handling skills.

Naval Reservists train throughout the year, often working side by side with active duty Navy personnel, to ensure they are ready when called upon. Some of the mobilized Naval Reserve Center Avoca Reservists, such as ET2 Thomas Coulter, recently performed AT or IDTT at sea, aboard USS Frederick (LST-1184), working in their rates and training for the time when they would be called upon. Pursuant to the Navy's needs at any given time, mobilization and demobilization occurs regularly, as well as in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

Meanwhile, civilians such as Naval Reserve Center Avoca Ombudsman Mrs. Roni Koval, wife of the NRC Avoca Command Senior Chief, HMCS Ray Koval, keep the home fires burning. Ombudsmen keep in touch with

mobilized Reservists to make sure their needs are being met, both on station and back at home. It's good to hear a friendly voice from home when you're doing your job thousands and thousands of miles away. The first round of mobilized Reservists are coming off active duty orders now, and returning for regular drill weekends. At their first drill weekend after returning from mobilization, Reservists are awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Naval Reserve Medal with a bronze "M" for mobilization.

Naval Reserve Center Avoca is located in Northeastern Pennsylvania. It is home to approximately 225 Naval Reservists hailing from a wide area encompassing parts of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Kentucky, as well as Pennsylvania. "We are committed to serving our country and carrying out the orders of the President. We will make America proud." T. J. Bartley, Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Center Avoca.

PAOs Visit White House

by Ens. Jonathan Orr, MOPAT Det 106

Navy Reserve public affairs staff was afforded a unique behind-the-scenes look at White House press and communications operations during the first-of-its-kind White House-Navy Reserve Public Affairs Seminar held November 15th. Hosted by Mobile Public Affairs Team (MOPAT) Detachment 106 Norfolk, the seminar was designed to educate Navy public affairs professionals on the operations of the White House Communications Office and its relationships with the Department of Defense and the White House Press Corps.

Over 50 area Reservists, to include Rear Admiral Greg Slavonic, Reserve Chief of Information, attended the four-hour seminar. With the small number of participants, the seminar provided Reservists with the opportunity to hear from and personally interact with the figures that play major roles in today's White House and Defense Department communications operations. Featured speakers at the seminar included several senior White House staff and White House press corps.

Hosted in the Old Executive Office Building's Indian Treaty Room, the seminar was planned by MOPAT Detachment 106 Special Projects Officer Lt. Jim Wilkinson. Wilkinson's civilian job is deputy communications secretary to President Bush and head of the White House's Coalition Information Center, a joint operation established

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From the Readiness Commander

by Rear Adm. Robert M. Clark

“For those that fight for it, freedom has a taste the protected will never know!” – Author: Unknown. This phrase was on a wall in my overseas headquarters during one of my prior mobilization tours. I have always remembered it because it is one of the reasons that we do what we do. As citizen-sailors, it is never easy to pick up and leave our family and work behind, but we do. It is difficult when we are gone but rewarding when we return!

At the time of this writing, the evening of 19 March 2003, offensive operations in Iraq have begun. Almost 11,500 Naval Reservists have been mobilized or are in the process of being mobilized for Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. CAPT Robin Watters, our Deputy for Mission Effectiveness (DME), has been mobilized and is currently in Bahrain, serving with 5th Fleet Headquarters Staff. CDR Cassandra Spears, active duty wife of our Deputy, CAPT Harold Spears, has been forward deployed from Bethesda to the USS Comfort along with many others while our Naval Reservists are backfilling Bethesda. These are but two RCMA HQ examples and I am sure each of you can tell us of

more.

Many of our shipmates have been called up and are serving here in the States or in many places at sea or ashore throughout the world. It is what we are trained to do. For those of us still here, I would ask your support for those shipmates that have been called:

- See what you can do to support their families. Do for them what you would want others to do for you.
- If you know their employers, call or drop them a note of thanks for their support.
- If you can drop the mobilized reservist a note, do so. Tell them they make us proud!

I mentioned in my last column that the year ahead will be exciting and challenging for all of us! Like our predecessors before us, we need to be trained and ready for the call if and when it occurs. For some of us this has already occurred. For the rest of us, let us support those that have gone in our place!



Mission Effectiveness



Remarks from Captain Robin Watters

CAPT Watters is currently mobilized. He will send us his next column from Bahrain.



Physically Fit For Life

ARE YOU READY FOR 2003 PHYSICAL READINESS TEST?

by YNC (AW) Clarence McCallum
REDCOM Mid-Atlantic

Happy New Year! If you have been working out during the holidays you are on track for 2003 Spring Physical Readiness Test (PRT). If not, you need to kick off the holiday routine and get into the physical fitness mode. Once you are into the physical fitness mode read up on the new Physical Readiness Program changes that were implemented Oct 1 2002. Too often Sailors assume they know the Physical Readiness

Program when in fact they are referring to old policies. In case you have not noticed, the Navy has taken measures for every Sailor to be in total control of their Physical Fitness Readiness by removing obstacles. Each year every Naval command is required to brief its personnel on Physical Readiness and Health Promotion issues. You now have access to your PRT data website called BUPERS Physical Readiness Information System (PRIMS) **prims.persnet.navy.mil**. Every

Sailor can now look at their PRT results, PRT dates, Physical Activity Risk Factor Questionnaire (PARFQ), and Print off Medical Form (SF600). I consider this great news because every Sailor can access their PRT Data without going through their CFL. Congratulations, you are now ready for the 2003 PRT. This is my last Physical Readiness Article for REDCOM Mid-Atlantic. It has been a pleasure serving as your Region Command Fitness Leader.

Enlisted Matters

“THE QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP”

by CMDCM(SW/AW) Ranow McCoy
Command Master Chief

Recently, REDCOM MIDLANT held its BlueJacket of the Quarter/Year (BJOQ/BJOY) and Sailor of the Quarter/Year (SOQ/SOY) Board at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Norfolk, Va. Each Naval Reserve Activity (NRA) of the REDCOM was represented by either the full time service Senior Enlisted Advisor or their Drilling Reservist counterpart and, in some cases, both. This quarter was really special because in addition to the Sailors that were chosen to represent REDCOM MIDLANT as the respective BlueJacket of the Quarters (E4 and below) and Sailor of the Quarters (E5 – E6), we selected two Sailors as BlueJacket of the Year (BJOY) and two as Sailors of the Year (SOY) for Active Duty and Selected Reserve respectively. All candidates were considered to be exceptional and the board really had their work cut out in se-

lecting the “best of the best”. The following individuals were selected by the board and were recommended for the various categories:

SELRES BJOQ: MM3 Kelvin D. Shelton (UNIT: NAVPHBASE LCRK) (NRA: NMCRC Norfolk)

ACDU BJOQ: HM3 Gloria Y. Perry (NRA: NRC Adelphi)

SELRES BJOY: HM3 Shawn J. Lantz (UNIT: NMC Portsmouth DET “F”) (NRA: NRC Huntington, WV)

ACDU BJOY: PN3 Michelle M. Branch (NRA: NMCRC Norfolk)

SELRES SOQ: EN2 Michael Madrake (UNIT: NRACU-2 DET 206) (NRA: NRC Baltimore)

ACDU SOQ: PN2 Monique K. Turner (NRA: NMCRC Harrisburg)

SELRES SOY: ET1 (SS) Allan R. Bollinger (UNIT: NR SPAWAR SYSCEN CHARLESTON 506) (NRA: NMCRC Norfolk)

ACDU SOY:
YN1 (AW)
Charles L.
Miller, III
(NRA :
NMCRC Har-
risburg).



Conducting the boards in a manner that allows each NRA to present their candidate in front of the group serves multiple purposes. First, it gives each NRA a chance to “sell” their candidate to the other board members. Additionally, gathering all the Chief Petty Officer leadership together from each NRA gives us a chance to network and share ideas. At every board I’ve been to, someone inevitably provides information to the board with “good business practices” on ways to improve the process, and in turn the group takes that information back to their command. The bottom line is when the boards adjourn, it gives me a good feeling to know that we have such great Sailors representing REDCOM MIDLANT and our Navy.

Career Counselor's Column

by NCC (AW) Ann Wittnebel
REDCOM Mid-Atlantic

Public Law 107-314 (Fiscal Year 2003 National Defense Authorization Act) amended Section 16133(a)(1) of Title 10, United States Code, by changing the limitation period for members to use Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) Educational Benefit Entitlement from 10 years to 14 years from a member's date of basic eligibility.

The amendment is effective Oct. 1 2002 and is applicable to members with a date of basic eligibility on or after Oct. 1 1992.

The 10-year limitation period for benefit usage remains for members with a date of basic eligibility before Oct. 1 1992. Until changes to DODINST 1322.17 and COMNAVRESFORINST 1780.1a are promulgated, the following interim guidance is provided:

The current DD form 2384-1, Notice Of Basic Eligibility (NOBE), will continue to be issued electronically via Navy Standard Information Personnel System (NSIPS) until an updated and modified NOBE is issued by the Department of Defense. Pen and ink changes to the NOBE are not authorized. The Veterans Administration (VA) will accept the current NOBE for those

members that are currently eligible, and for those members that gain eligibility and apply for benefits before a new NOBE is available.

The Statement Of Understanding (SOU), which is required by 1322.17 and COMNAVRESFORINST 1780.1A, has been modified to reflect this change and is available for download from Commander, Naval Reserve Force MGIB-SR web site at <http://www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/n1/mgib-sr.html>. There is no requirement to reissue the modified SOU to members that have been previously counseled and have signed a SOU. Utilize the modified SOU for all new Naval Reserve affiliates.

Publish information via available local media sources, (i.e., Plan Of The Month, General Military Training, Command web site,) notifying all members of this change in statute.

Until systematic program changes can be made to NSIPS which automatically terminates eligibility for members reaching their 10-year delimiting date, the VA will automatically extend the delimiting date in their data system and will continue to pay benefits to those members affected by the amendment in DODINST 1322.17.

For further information contact COMNAVRESFOR N122 toll-free at 1-800-621-8853.

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with the British government to counter anti-Western propaganda during the war in Afghanistan. Wilkinson conceived of the seminar as a means to provide Reservists with an intimate view of the high-intensity operations of White House communications. MOPAT Detachment 106 Commanding Officer Cmdr. Gordon "Joe" Delcambre endorsed and emceed the event.

"The White House establishes the national policy and it is the Depart-

ment of Defense and Navy public affairs team that must execute that policy. It is so critical for Naval Reserve public affairs professionals to understand their operations and how communications policy is made," said Delcambre.

Speakers at the seminar helped shed light on how the administration's message is shaped in the ever-changing 24 x 7 international news cycle, as well as the unique demands and challenges the war on terrorism

has placed on White House and Defense Department communications. With the recent first anniversary of the Sep. 11 tragedy, and the potential for action against Iraq imminent, almost all officers in attendance agreed that the seminar was especially timely and valuable.

Wilkinson was recently picked to become the chief spokesman for Gen. Tommy R. Franks and the U.S. Central Command.

2M REPAIR PARTS PROJECT

by AK3 Michael Linhart, USNR
NSWC CRANE DET C

Last November, NSWC Crane identified a great project for Naval Reserve NSWC Crane DET 405, in Erie, Pa. Over the years, NSWC Crane accumulated over 90,000 excess parts for use in "Micro and Miniature Repair" (2M) kits on surface ships. Lt Cmdr Jimmy Cox, Unit CO, volunteered his unit to sort, count, inventory, and repackage the parts for the Fleet's use. The unit sent several sailors to NSWC Crane to consolidate the parts and arrange for their shipment to Erie. For the next seven months, the unit spent a major portion of each drill weekend sorting, counting, labeling, and packaging the parts under the leadership of Storekeeper First Class (SK1) Randy Good.

The unit completed sorting parts in July. The final staging and inventory

of parts finished in August, and parts shipment back to Crane will be completed in September 2002.

The Project consumed over 650 man-hours to date and many Sharpie markers, Ziploc Bags, and staples.

SK1 Good said of the project, "The biggest hurdle was transporting materials from the reserve center receiving area to the sorting area." Good also stated, "The best part was actually seeing increased unity in the NSWC Crane Unit and visibly watching morale increase."

The reservists who did the sorting had a good time, not so much by sorting, but getting to know each other on a different level. SH1 Merryman said he was "glad to be a part of quality assurance for the Fleet," and that it is "nice to see that reservists can save

the Navy so much money." SK2 Cochran was pleased with the rate specific training stating, "We learned NSNs." Good observations were made by all involved.

In total, over 90,000 parts were counted, sorted, labeled, and shipped, saving the Navy over \$30,000 to date. The camaraderie that was created and shared was probably worth much more to NSWC Crane DET 405.

Lt Cmdr Cox said, "Finding a project that we can complete in a timely and quality fashion has tremendous value. From our remote location, we were able to utilize Navy assets to a higher potential, train our sailors, and be part of the larger NSWC Crane community. As this project comes to conclusion, we look forward to even larger projects to assist in the war effort."

Reserve Seabees Train, Work in Rates

By JO2 Mike Miller, USNR
Naval Reserve Center Avoca

Reserve Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 21 DET 0521 at Naval Reserve Center Avoca, Pa., completed annual small arms training and qualification in November, at Fort Dix, New Jersey. During a one-weekend IDTT, the Seabees completed their annual qualification requirements with the M16 service rifle and the 9mm service pistol.

Personnel are given training on the weapons, as well as an extensive weapons and range safety briefing. Also onboard from the Avoca Reserve Center during the weapons training were a number of hospital corpsmen assigned to Naval Reserve Fleet Hospital Fort Dix DET 13.

Lt Cmdr T.J. Bartley, Commanding Officer Naval Reserve Center

Avoca, accompanied enlisted personnel on the IDTT. "The Seabees are providing valuable training that will save their lives and the lives of others when confronted in a battle situation. The men and women of the Seabees are some of our nation's best military personnel, and we are all proud of the work they do." Said Bartley.

NMCB 21 range instructors provided the weapons and training, and supervised the range with ironclad safety rules and procedures. The watchful eyes of these highly trained professionals will catch any and all discrepancies, which will be remedied immediately – before they can create a safety problem. Forty-three personnel participated.

The Seabees are professionals in war fighting and construction. At Naval Reserve Center Avoca,

NMCB 21 DET 0521 is hard at work renovating the Crew's Mess. Working during drill weekends or performing rescheduled drills, Seabees have installed a new galley and are working on bulkheads, decks, and a new drop ceiling overhead. The mess will also be rewired with electrical outlets every six feet. BUC Gerard Pietrzyk is the Officer In Charge of NMCB 21 DET 0521. BUC Pietrzyk is very proud of his Seabees and the good work they are doing for their community, for their Navy, and for their country.

NMCBs, provide responsive military construction support to Navy, Marine Corps and other forces in military operations, construct base facilities and conduct defensive operations. In addition to standard wood, steel, masonry and concrete

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construction, NMCBs also perform specialized construction such as water well drilling and battle damage repair. They are able to work and defend themselves at construction sites outside of their base camp and convoy through unsecured areas. In times of emergency or disaster, NMCBs conduct disaster control and recovery operations. There are eight active duty and twelve re-

serve NMCBs.

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“Weekend (Plus) Warriors” Do It For Love of Country, Navy, Variety

by Cmdr. Mary Hanson, USNR, DLA Joint Reserve Forces

The Naval Reserve is well represented within the Defense Department’s logistics hub. Of more than 600 reservists worldwide who are assigned to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and its field activities, nearly 50 percent are from the Navy. Of all DLA reservists, only 15 percent conduct their regular drills at DLA headquarters in Fort Belvoir, Va. However, of those 70 “headquarters” reservists, nearly 30 percent belong to a single Navy unit called the DLA Contingency Support Team Staff (DCST Staff).

The DCST Staff unit helps to prepare DLA reservists for mobilization, contingency operations, and emergencies. Like other reserve units, the DCST Staff represents diverse civilian and military backgrounds. The unit roster includes a shipbuilder, pilot, technologist, entrepreneur, student, financial manager, computer specialist, market research consultant, media director, FBI agent, two attorneys, and at least two auditors. Together the 18 members represent 383 years of Navy experience (including 117 years on active duty). They have been recalled to active duty more than 30 times during their Navy careers, and have been deployed at sea or overseas nearly 35 times. Two of them were recalled to active duty at DLA to support Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) for nine months or more. Not counting the two recalled for OEF, unit members have served nearly 2,000 hours in DLA’s Joint Logistics Readiness Center and have spent more than 180 weekdays at DLA headquarters. All but five are married, and they collectively have 26 children.

Why do they serve?

Their motivations vary but, when asked independently,

Navy reservists at DLA echo some common themes. Certainly retirement and other benefits figure for many; but the predominant factor is patriotic pride and a simple desire to serve. Other factors figure too. So why do they maintain this “second job,” which eats up at least one weekend each month and a minimum of two full weeks each year?

-Cmdr. Peter McKenney, market research consultant: “Affiliation with a great network of quality people.”

- Yeoman Third Class Jynell Spriggs of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS): “I joined the Navy to become more of an extrovert. Also to travel and explore the world. The Navy has taught me to trust others, and to work as a team.”

- Cmdr. Mike Zabel, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) consultant: “I like the ability to make a difference.”

- Lt. Cmdr. Dan Conrad of the U.S. Department of



Cmdr. Mike Zabel, Operations Officer for NR DCST Staff, loads his weapon as he prepares to qualify on the 9-mm M-9 Beretta pistol during Exercise Keystone in May 2002.

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Agriculture (USDA): "To serve my country and make my family proud." (Conrad served a nine-month recall at DLA during OEF.)

How do they balance?

No matter how motivated, DCST Staff members sometimes struggle to juggle their reserve careers



Members of NR DCST Staff and other reservists aim for weapons qualification during Exercise Keystone

with civilian jobs and family obligations. Recognizing the importance of family support, DLA's Director of Reserve Mobilization is sending certificates of ap-

preciation to the families of all DLA reservists mobilized or deployed during 2002. Some reservists nominate their civilian employers for rewards offered by the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR). Such recognition helps—but it doesn't make up for absences. How do DLA's Navy reservists manage the juggle?

- Capt. Claire Parsons, unit commanding officer and pilot: "Everything must be balanced. My boys have grown up without a mother at home for several days each month. This has made them more independent, self-reliant and disciplined—which has helped me to continue my reserve career."

- Capt. Jim Gates of the VA Medical Center-Cleveland: "It's not easy...the squeaky wheel often gets the grease."

- Cmdr. Mike Krebs, State of Maryland auditor: "There's no conflict. If we have another war, I wouldn't hesitate to leave my civilian job to support my country."

Is there a reserve-civilian connection?

As with many reservists, the civilian skills of the DCST Staff members add value to their reserve responsibilities—or the other way around. For many, their civilian and reserve task are similar. For others,

one enhances the other.

- Capt. Tom Pickles, maintenance manager: "The Navy enhances my civilian career. The stereotypical view civilians hold of the military is that it's dictatorial and cold—but I've found that the leadership taught and used in the Navy is far ahead of that typically found in industry."

- Cmdr. Paul Raedeke of the U.S. Courts: "An emphasis upon organization, administrative skills and attention to detail form a solid foundation upon which to prosper in any field."

The bottom line

Those skills of organization, administration and attention to detail allow this Navy unit to give DLA what it needs — trained, ready and available reservists. The unit planned and hosted Exercise Keystone, attended by 125 DLA reservists in May 2002 to train for deployment. The unit is creating an enhanced joint reserve training curriculum, and plans to make site visits to field units beginning in spring 2003.

"The bottom line is readiness...operational, family, and personal mobilization readiness," said RDML Fenton Priest, DLA Director of Reserve Readiness (J-91). "The field units are working hard, and our job is to help them with their readiness training. We are developing better, more relevant training tools, which will be validated based on new mission requirements. The benefits will be more effective training and more accurate metrics to measure readiness. It will be a continuing cycle, designed to meet the evolving needs of DLA's logistics

operations department (J-3). They need to know that they can get the support they need for "around the clock, around the world operations" when they need it. We are going to ensure that happens."



Members of NR DCST Staff prepare the outdoor meal during Exercise Keystone

Pennsylvania Reservists March in Hometown Parade

by JO2 Mike Miller, USNR

Naval Reserve Center Avoca

Veterans Day is a paramount community event in Northeastern Pennsylvania. With a larger than average elder population, the area is home to many members of the “great generation.” Many are veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam living in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area. For Naval Reservists, this translates into local parades – and lots of them. The officers and crew of Naval Reserve Center Avoca march in the largest one, held in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, each November.

Over two hours in duration, the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Day parade includes Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Army active duty, and Air Force Reserve. Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, Airmen, and Cadets lead the parade, followed by

American Legion and VFW personnel, together with every other conceivable veterans organization. Local high school bands provide musical accompaniment, and area luminaries line the reviewing stand. Marine Corps Major General Williams was the Reviewing Officer of the Veterans Day Parade this year. Congressman Paul Kanjorski was present in the reviewing stand as well.

A good two or three hours drive from the nearest sea port, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area lies in a large valley, nestled between the Pocono Mountains to the southeast, and the forests of central Pennsylvania to the northwest. Dotted with the remnants of decommissioned coalmines, the area is rich in forests, history, and friendly down-home people. Local cemeteries are veritable seas of red, white, and blue, attesting to the enormous veteran population.

The tradition of military service

runs deep in Pennsylvania. On Veterans Day, the streets of Wilkes-Barre flow with Service Dress Blue, camouflage, and Air Force Blue. Patriotism and service pride were high before 9/11, and both seem to have grown exponentially since. The City of Scranton, Pa. hosts another large parade each year on Armed Forces Day in May.

Naval Reserve Center Avoca keeps our Navy in the hearts and minds of local residents, both through regular community service and parade participation. This is a great community. Lt Cmdr T. J. Bartley, Commanding Officer of Naval Reserve Center Avoca was thrilled to participate in the Veterans Day Parade. He stated, “The Naval Reserve is proud to be a part of the family of this community. We look forward to continuing a long and faithful service to this family.”

Rear Admiral Francis W. Harness Award

by CMDRCM(SW/AW) Ranow McCoy
Command Master Chief

REDCOM Mid-Atlantic recently nominated two sailors for the Rear Admiral Francis W. Harness Award.

Those nominated this year were DCCS(SW) Gary J. Uzonyi, Senior Enlisted Advisor, NMCRC Wilmington, DE (TAR) and BMC Kenneth E. Fahnestock, Command Chief, NR Assault Craft Unit TWO, Detachment 2806 of NRC Baltimore (SELRES).

Senior Chief Uzonyi demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities. He served as Senior Enlisted Advisor for a Naval Reserve Activity with six person-

nel while supporting a drilling population of 170. He also coordinated tenant support for 11 Marine Corps staff and their 140 Reservists.

Chief Fahnestock demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities. He served as Command Senior Enlisted Advisor and Command Chief for 45 enlisted and five officers responsible for liaison with unit members, Reserve Center staff and gaining command, Command Administrative and Deck Department Chief, and Government Travel Credit Card Officer.

The Rear Admiral Francis W. Harness, USNR, Naval Surface Reserve Force Enlisted Leader-

ship Award was established as an annual award to officially recognize senior enlisted leaders who have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and have made significant contributions to the Naval Surface Reserve Force. This award will provide inspiration and bolster the spirit and imagination of all sailors so that they might share Rear Admiral Harness’ conviction that the CPOs of the COMNAVSURFRESFOR claimancy are the heart and soul of the Force.

Selectees will be announced in March.

Peer Leadership Award Selectees

NRC Adelphi

CAPT Nancy M. McCarthy
NR NNMC BETHESDA 106
CDR Michael J. Orazo
NR NNMC BETHESDA 106
HM1 Michael T. Dixon
NR NNMC BETHESDA 106
HM1 Florencio E. Lictao
NR NNMC BETHESDA 106
HMC Harold D. Elliott
NR 4MD 4TH LAR B
YN1 Janette R. Chandler
NAVRESCEN ADELPHI
DCC (SW) Christopher R. Benavides
NAVRESCEN ADELPHI
LT Reyna Medina
NAVRESCEN ADELPHI

NRC Avoca

CDR Joann Werdeiser
NR FH FT DIX DET 13
CDR Mark E. Rongone
NR FH FT DIX DET 13
BMC Gerard M. Pietrzyk
NR NMCB 21 DET 0521
EA1 Gerald J. Price
NR NMCB 21 DET 0521
HM1 Daniel T. Serfass
NR FH FT DIX DET 13
BU2 Mark Burrier
NR NMCB DET 0521
JO2 Michael S. Miller
NR AOC YORK D EARLE 7
MS2 Heather A. Heckman
NR FH FT DIX DET 13
STGC(SW) Michael J. Scott
NRC AVOCA
SK2(SW) John M. Bennett
NRC AVOCA

NRC Baltimore

LT Arthur G. Coleman
NR MSCOEASTMED 106
LT Louis O. Carl
NR BMU-2 DET 206

NRC Baltimore cont.

SKCM Melvin L. Johnson
NR VTU 0603
BMC Henry V. Green, Jr.
NR BMU-2 DET 206
SK1 Tawanda Boyd
NR FIXC NFK DET 106
BU1 Howard H. Halterman
NR NMCB 23 DET 0323
CE2 Carl S. Jackson
NR NMCB 23 DET 0323
YN3 Rosemary F. Jordan
NR AOC YORK DAHT TEAM 10
BM3 Andrew M. Payze
NR ACU 2 DET 2806
LCDR Phillip L. Reed
NRC BALTIMORE
EN1(SW) Jerome W. Stoney
NRC BALTIMORE

NMCRC Ebensburg

CWO4 Frank J. DeFranco, Jr.
NR PHIB CB 2 405
ENC Dennis K. Snyder
NR PHIB CB 2 405
BM1 James K. Dreier
NR PHIB CB 2 405
EA1 (SW) Ardell J. Ball
NR PHIB CB 2 405
MS1 Barry E. McVicker, Jr.
NR FMU DET 1803
HM2 Richard K. Steel
NR FH FT DIX DET 11
SK1(SW) Robert R. Smith
NMCRC EBENSBURG

NMCRC Harrisburg

CAPT Sharon Redpath
NR NAVSUP MECH HQ
CWO4 Charles E. Hulsizer
NMCRC HARRISBURG
MMC(SW) Tony W. Moniger
NMCRC HARRISBURG
YN1(SW) Charles Miller
NMCRC HARRISBURG

Peer Leadership Award Selectees cont...

NMCRC Moundsville

EM1(SS) Victor L. Jackson
NR NAVACTS UK 305
YN2 Bradley E. Sorge
NR NAVACTS UK 305
PNCS(AW) Steven R. Quinn
NMCRC MOUNDSVILLE
SK1(SW) Eric N. Shanklin
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NR TACTRAGRU 106
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LCDR Walter Rickert
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NR PHIB CB 2 DET 206
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NR SSSU DET 106
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NR DAHT 2
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NR PHIB CB 2 DET 105
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NR DCNO NR DET 106
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NR PMS WASH 106
CAPT Cynthia Dullea
NR BUMED 106
CDR Jeffrey Wasileski
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CDR Charles Beckum
NR DCNO N4 DET 106
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IT1 Rhonda Hughes
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Meritorious Service Medal

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Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal

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LCDR Phillip Reed
NRC BALTIMORE STAFF
CAPT Donald Benzing
NR FLTSUPTRA 906
DCC Christopher Benavides
NRC ADELPHI
LT Patrick Maloit
NR NCAPS NAVCENT DET A
YN1 Kaycee Barham
NR NCAPS NAVCENT DET A
LCDR Alan Gutman
NR FH FT DIX DET 13
OS2(SW) Martin Neil
NRC AVOCA STAFF
MS2 Frederick Chache
NR FH FT DIX DET 13



Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass

FCC Richard Craig
NR AOC DET EARLE DAHT 7



Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal

EN1 Guy Wade
NR ACU-2 LMC-8 DET 2806
LCDR John Ayres
NR MER MAR OP CMD HQ 0102
CDR Paul Lysko
NR NRL CBRD 106
CDR Alton Kunkle
NR MER MAR OP CMD HQ 0102
CDR Paul Vicinanza
NR MER MAR OP CMD HQ 0102
CDR Joann Werkeiser
NR FH FT DIX DET 13
LCDR Cheryl Haney
NR FH FT DIX DET 13

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NR AOC DET EARLE DAHT 7
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